

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 34-65 are pending. Claims 1-33 are canceled in the above amendment. Claims 34-65 are added. All claims are listed in the above section.

**Amendment filed September 1, 2004**

As stated above, the Remarks corresponding to the Amendment filed September 1, 2004 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

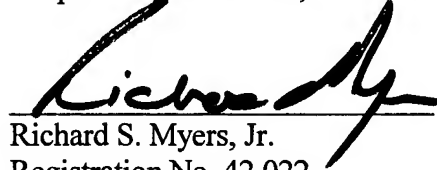
From the foregoing, further and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is in order and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, or if there are any issues which the Examiner feels precludes immediate allowance, she is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

No fee is required for this amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit in the overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2752 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,



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